Higher Education correspondence programmes for Jail inmates and Defence Forces

3799. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are any higher education correspondence programmes running for inmates of jails and Defence Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, then the reasons for not having such programmes for above mentioned persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Indira Gandhi National Open University has established 18 Study Centres in different jails all over the country and 39 Study Centres for Defence and para military personnel. The University has also established recognised Regional Centres for Army, Airforce, Navy and other para military establishments, like Assam Rifles etc.

Women teachers for SSA

3800. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have asked the State Governments to recruit 60,000 women teachers for its Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme;

(b) if so, which are the States earmarked for the implementation of this programme; and

(c) what are the salient features of this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) The Government has sanctioned 59703 posts of new teachers under